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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO WASHINGTON

REF: WELLINGTON 2839

1. NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS INFORMED US THAT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JOHN ROBERTSON WILL VISIT WASHINGTON FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO 23. NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN ARRANGING ROBERTSON'S SCHEDULE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE CALLS AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE AND AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING ROBERTSON.

2. WE HOPE THAT ROBERTSON, ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND PRO-AMERICAN OFFICERS IN THE GNZ, IS RECEIVED AT THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB AND, HOPEFULLY, EVEN DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, IF THE LATTER'S SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT.

THEN DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH RUSH SAW ROBERTSON DURING HIS VISIT TO WELLINGTON LAST FEBRUARY. WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED TO GNZ POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A CALL. WE BELIEVE CALLS MIGHT ALSO BE MADE ON DOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ISA, AND ON THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
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POLITICO/MILITARY AFFAIRS. ROBERTSON IS INFORMED IN

DEPTH, OF COURSE, ON ALL ASPECTS OF NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN FURTHERING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NEW ZEALAND IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO WILL BE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING IDEAS ON THE QUESTION OF VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND BY NUCLEAR POWERED AMERICAN WARSHIPS.

3. WE SHALL SUBMIT A FURTHER CABLE ON ROBERTSON VISIT LATER.
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